GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:380
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WAGES UNDER SGRY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of minimum wage to be paid to workers under the Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana (S.G.R.Y.) in the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the rate of minimum wage in these States where the workers are employed on scarcity relief works;

(c) the reasons for difference in both the wages; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that labour laws may not be violated?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.380 FOR REPLY ON 8TH APRIL 2003 REGARDING WAGES UNDER SGRY

(a) Wages are required to be paid under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) by the State Governments as per the minimum wages fixed by the State authorities from time to time. As reported, the minimum wages in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are given as under:

(amount in Rupees)

SL.NO.	STATES	RATE OF MINIMUM WAGES
1.	GUJARAT	60.00
2.	RAJASTHAN	60.00
3.	ANDHRA PRADESH#	80.00
4.	BIHAR	58.64
5.	UTTAR PRADESH	58.00

Minimum wage rate varies from district to district. Rs. 80.00 is average wage rate for the State as a whole.

(b) As reported the minimum wages being paid by these States in scarcity relief works are given as under:

(amount in Rupees)

SL.NO.	STATES	RATE OF MINIMUM WAGES IN SCARCITY OF RELIEF WORKS

1. GUJARAT 42.50

2. RAJASTHAN 60.00

3. ANDHRA PRADESH# 80.00

4. BIHAR 58.64

5. UTTAR PRADESH 58.00

Minimum wage rate varies from district to district. Rs. 80.00 is average wage rate for the State as a whole.

(c) The two rates are differing only in the case of Gujarat. According to the State Government, lower wage rates in the drought affected districts are fixed by the Collectors in order to provide wage employment for maximum number of people for maximum working days while providing relief works.

(d) As per the guidelines, if the Implementing Agencies do not pay minimum wages at the rate notified for the relevant schedule of employment under the Minimum Wage Act, the concerned authority can take suitable action against the erring officials under the Minimum Wages Act. If the Central Government finds that the minimum wages are still not being paid as per the provision of the Guidelines, it may even withhold further release of funds under the Programme to the concerned Districts.